

County of Los Angeles – Department of Mental Health
OFFICE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION
 THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2014
 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
 DR. LARRY GASCO, CHAIRPERSON, FACILITATING

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<p>Dr. Larry Gasco Chairman's Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to Order and Roll Call • Tribute to Commissioner – Chairman Gasco spoke of the passing of former Commissioner Helen B. Wolff. Comments about her dedication and lifetime of service caring for those who are underserved were expressed among the Commissioners. • Executive Committee Report-Chairman Gasco and Commissioners DeBose and Lue presented at the DMH Policy Café meeting. It was an opportunity to put face-to-names and identify the levels of expertise in DMH. The outcome was what the Commission had hoped to accomplish. • MHSA/ SAAC Chairs Report – SAACs are planning for the opportunity to advocate to local elected officials the concerns of their perspective service areas. Service Areas 5 and 6 will combine efforts to host a joint breakfast. • December Offsite in San Gabriel Valley – The meeting in the San Gabriel Valley will take place December 18, 2014. It will give the community an opportunity to talk about needs and successes. 	<p>Motion to Approve the Minutes of July – Minutes approved unanimously</p>	<p>Absent Excused: Arnold Gilberg Frank Baron, Jerry Lubin, Barry Perrou, and Victoria Sofro Absent: Fred Leaf</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health Diversion and County Jails Update– <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preliminary report developed by the consultant was revised to make adjustments and expand what LA County is doing. 2. State Government and Finance Director toured Men’s Central Jail. He was appalled and wants to look into how the state can help finance the new jail construction. • MLK Urgent Care Facility – Chairman Gasco and others attended the MLK Urgent Care open house. He encouraged others to visit the facility. It is a great addition to the campus and community, and it is people oriented unlike regular hospital settings. • CALMHBC (California Association of Local Boards and Commissions) Quarterly Meeting – The next meeting is October 16-19, 2014 in Sacramento. The CALMHBC represents 58 counties sectioned into 5 regions. Los Angeles County is one region alone because of its size. Chairman Gasco was elected Chair of the CALMHBC. Commissioners DeBose and Cooperberg will also attend the meeting. Chairman Gasco shared an incident on behalf of the tireless contributions Terry Lewis makes to care and help people in a crisis. • Profiles of Hope Awards – Terry Lewis announced the honorees selected for 		

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	the event. The event date is October 23, at Catalina's Bar and Grill.		
Dr. Southard DMH Report	<p>DMH Update</p> <p>Budget – DMH budget is final, submitted for fiscal year 2014-2015, and closed in the black. Surplus was carried over with additional revenue that came from MHSA funds. Not much growth in realignment.</p> <p>Issues that impact MHSA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care of serious mental health was transformed to FSP in prevention and early intervention programs. • Department was allowed to survive the recession. • Many cuts to human resources and services were avoided. <p>DMH Challenges –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to care for Medicaid has a timeline of 15 business days caused restrictions. DMH will adjust to the timeline by improving access to treatment plans. • The Diversion plan is increasing the connection with health neighborhoods. DMH will strengthen the network of resources in these neighborhoods. • The department is looking for funding for SB 82 programs. Additional resources will come from a pending CHAFA grant. The grant will provide funds to build more urgent care facilities. Grant 		ACTION - None

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	<p>funding restrictions request that LA County to be on the real estate deeds. The County is working on an alternative to avoid this restriction.</p> <p>Legislative Analyst Update – Susan Rajlal Bills are on the Governor’s desk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parity bill – veto. Bill allocates funding that will enhance the insurance industry • AB 1847 – signed – Codes and changes in language for recovery in mental health disorders • AB 1054 – Medical claims will look at giving a complete picture of who gets services. Outdated computer system challenges the delivery of accurate outcomes 		
Public Comments	There were 16 Public Comments. There were no unresolved issues.		
<p>SAAC 1 Report Jean Harris</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expressed frustration on limited time left to give her report. • Chairman Gasco visited the SAAC meeting in August • Researcher from Health Neighborhood gave report at SAAC meeting • Sonia Hicks, Co-chair, resigned effective September. Interim Co-Chair is John Glover • SAAC representatives gave report at SLT meeting • NAMI “In Our Own Voice” presented at the SAAC meeting • Workgroup on procuring psychiatrists changed to a regular agenda item 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule the workgroup in November to help pilot health neighborhoods 		
SAAC 2 Report Barbara Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss priorities for MHSA planning 75 attended at last meeting Committee – law enforcement relations with Commissioner Cooperberg Advocating for installation of bus stop near urgent care centers at Olive View Medical Center in Sylmar and West Valley in Canoga Park. 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sent letters to reestablishing bus to go from Santa Clarita Valley to San Fernando Valley. 		ACTION – Draft support letter for MHC to sign
SAAC 5 Report Celinda Jungheim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See attached written report. 		
SAAC 6 Report Dorothy Banks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation given on resiliency at last SAAC meeting Kathy Kerrigan, DMH presented on Health Neighborhoods to get results on planning and programs at September meeting Helena Ditka will present at October meeting. Thanks to Service Area 5 for the suggestion to partner with SAAC to host the Legislative Breakfast 		
SAAC 8 John Czernek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted a 50/50 raffle for \$50 prize Presentation on suicide and reading of poems at last meeting Kathy Kerrigan, DMH presented on health neighborhoods Hosted another NAMI fundraiser 		
Meeting adjourned			